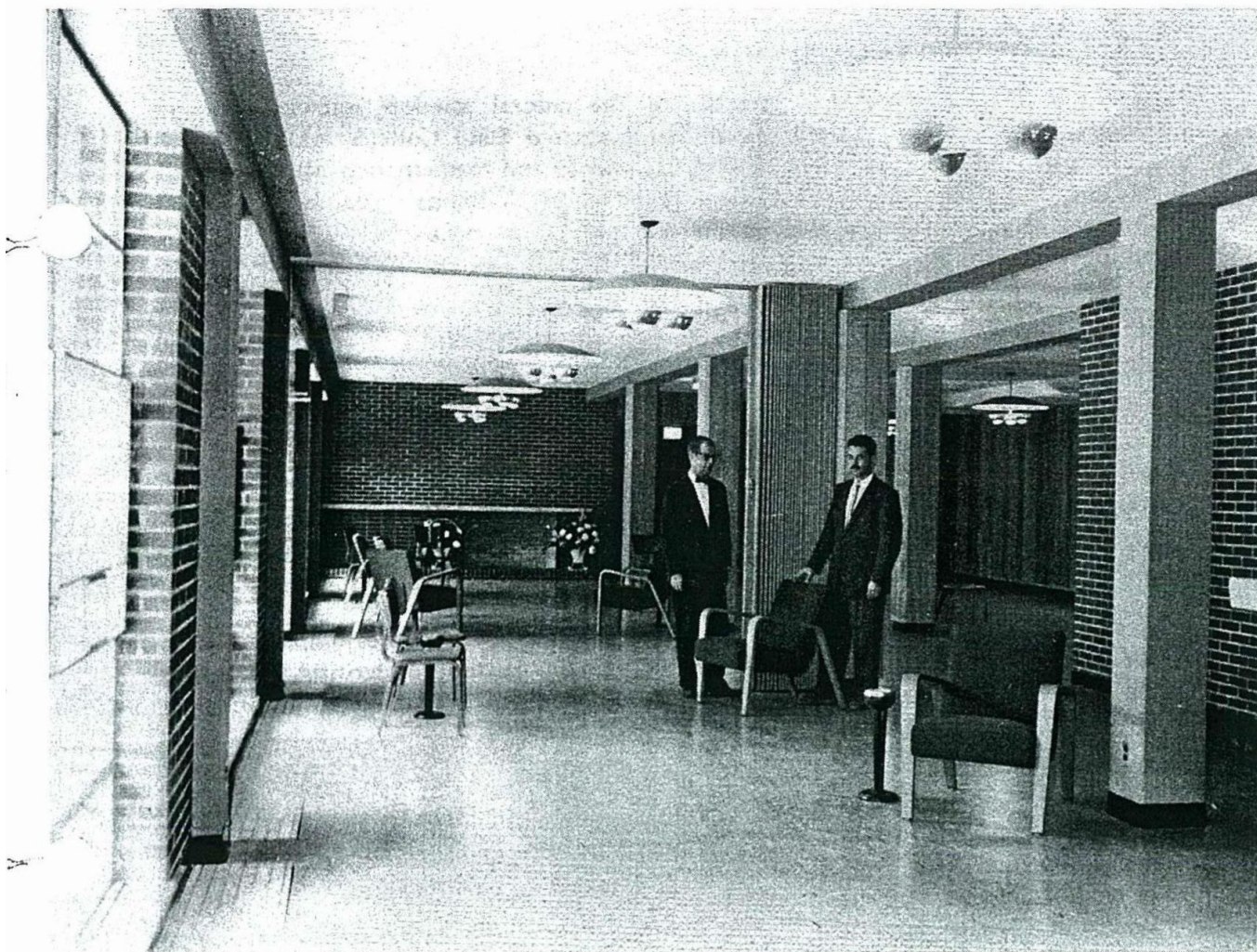




Robert Blackburn and Blendon Kneale are shown standing in the lounge of the new residence hall. Since the picture was taken draperies have been hung at the windows and couches and tables added to the room.

SHIMER COLLEGE RECORD

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New Faculty . . .

Robert T. Blackburn is a member of the natural sciences staff and college examiner. He came to Shimer from San Francisco State College, where he was an instructor in the department of physical science and mathematics. Mr. Blackburn has also taught at Chico State College and George Williams College, and has published a number of papers on meteorology.

Mr. Blackburn has his Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago, and studied philosophy of science at Harvard University.

The Blackburn family — wife, Mary-Jane, and sons Douglas, Timothy, and Theodore Bruce (aged 4, 2, and 6 months) — have purchased a home on Jackson Street near the golf course.



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Warren and Elinor (Mr. and Mrs.) Miller are members of the humanities staff. Mr. Miller is teaching English and coordinating the teaching of writing throughout the Shimer curriculum. Mrs. Miller is teaching French, German, and directing Green Curtain activities.

Both attended the University of Chicago, acquiring master's degrees. Mr. Miller formerly taught at Ohio State University, and Mrs. Miller has served as an assistant on the staff of the University of Chicago.

The Millers have two children — Joseph, 2½, and Elizabeth, 6 months.



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John Bennett Olson is a member of the natural sciences staff, teaching biological science.

Before coming to Shimer in September, Mr. Olson was engaged in research at the California Institute of Technology. He has taught at Brooklyn College, San Jose College, and the University of California.

A native of the mid-west, Mr. Olson was reared in Rockford, Illinois, and is a graduate of Beloit College. He received his master's and doctor's degrees from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Mr. Olson and his wife, Dorothy, with their three children reside on North Main street in Mt. Carroll. The oldest daughter, Christina, is a Shimer student; Laurie is seven years old and Mary is 6 months.



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Donald G. Reuter, former director of personnel and public relations at Kable Printing Company and secretary of the Shimer Board of Trustees, is the new vice-president of Shimer College.

A native of California, Mr. Reuter received his bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa in 1938. The following year he was awarded a master's degree in sociology by the University of Nebraska. He has also done graduate work at the University of Chicago. During World War II he headed the labor relations units of the Chicago Ordnance District for three years and later worked with the U. S. Army psychiatric service.

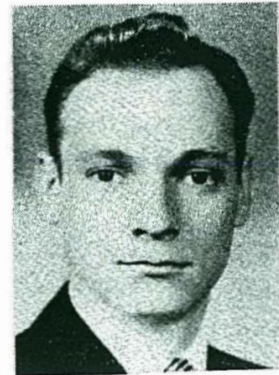
Mr. Reuter was assistant professor of economics and sociology at Stanford University from 1946 to 1951. He then returned to the mid-west as personnel director of the Link Belt Company in Chicago, and in 1954 became associated with the Kable company, of Mt. Morris, Illinois.

President Mullin announced Mr. Reuter's appointment in September, and said at that time that the vice-president would head Shimer's development program. Mr. Reuter* is also teaching Sociology-Anthropology.

The Reuters (Mrs. Reuter is the former Helen Evens), have purchased a residence on South Main street in Mt. Carroll. They have two children — a son, Donald, who is a student at Shimer, and a daughter, Susan, 12.

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Thomas J. Roller is an instructor in vocal music and humanities. He comes to Shimer College with a B.A. degree in music from Lake Forest College and a master's degree in music from the State University of Iowa. He served in the U. S. Army medical corps from 1952 to 1954. Mr. Roller and his wife, Carol, have one son, Thomas J., Jr., born September 9, 1958.



NORTH CENTRAL REPRESENTATIVES VISIT SHIMER

Shimer College was visited December 15 and 16 by an inspection team from the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities. Shimer is currently accredited as a junior college by the association. Sometime during the spring the college will be notified whether or not it will be officially recognized as an accredited four-year institution.

CURRENT SITUATION

Shimer's enrollment at the beginning of the Autumn Quarter was 172. This included 60 returning students and 112 new ones. There are almost three times as many men as women. Student-faculty ratio is 9.5 to one.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Shimer College has been informed that the State Teacher Certification Board will recognize the credit offered here for certification purposes in Illinois.

President F. J. Mullin received a letter to this effect on June 5, 1958, after a committee had visited classes and talked with faculty members at Shimer.

Luther J. Black, Secretary of the Certification Board, wrote, "The committee that visited Shimer was very favorably impressed with the quality of work being done at Shimer in the field of teacher education."

ALUMNI BACK IN CLASSES

The first annual Homecoming Weekend at Shimer College was held October 11 and 12.

At 10:00 o'clock Friday evening the bell in Metcalf Hall rang in welcome to returning alumni, and the first event began — the showing of motion pictures made on the Shimer campus ten, fifteen, and twenty years ago.

On Saturday the visitors attended regular morning classes, and in the afternoon had group discussions, class reunions, and a coffee hour for alumni and friends.

Sixty-six persons attended the alumni dinner at Maple Terrace Saturday evening, with Vice-president D. G. Reuter as the featured speaker.

Over two hundred people attended the dance for alumni and students held later in the evening in the college gymnasium. Hal Whitmer's band from Clinton furnished the music. Tom Tallman of Lanark and Art Isenhardt of Mt. Carroll, both former Shimer students, played with the band.

On Sunday afternoon "official" opening ceremonies were held in the new residence hall.

ALUMNI LUNCHEON

March 7, 1959, is the date chosen for the annual winter luncheon of the Shimer College National Alumni Association. The meeting will be held in Chicago. More details later by letter.

NOTICE

If you belong to classes of '09, '34, or '49 — begin now to plan to return to Shimer for the May reunion. Definite plans and dates will be announced later.

WEEK-END CALLED SUCCESS

The following letter has been received in connection with Homecoming Weekend:

"A heartfelt thank-you to the many people who helped make our first Homecoming Weekend a success.

— to President and Mrs. F. J. Mullin, Dean and Mrs. Tom Whelan, and Mr. Art Fetterolf who helped us with campus arrangements;

— to Sue Wolfe, Mr. John Hirschfield, and Mr. Don Reuter who participated in the colloquium on Saturday afternoon;

— to Mrs. Baichly who helped with the housing arrangements and with the coffee hour;

— to Sue Wolfe and Chicago alums who did the publicity for the Homecoming;

— to Bea Hill and Jim Schaffer and their committees who took care of the decorations and refreshments for the dance;

— to Mr. McBride who showed Shimer movies;

— to Rick Hartung who was chairman of the committee;

— to the faculty members who hosted in their various classrooms;

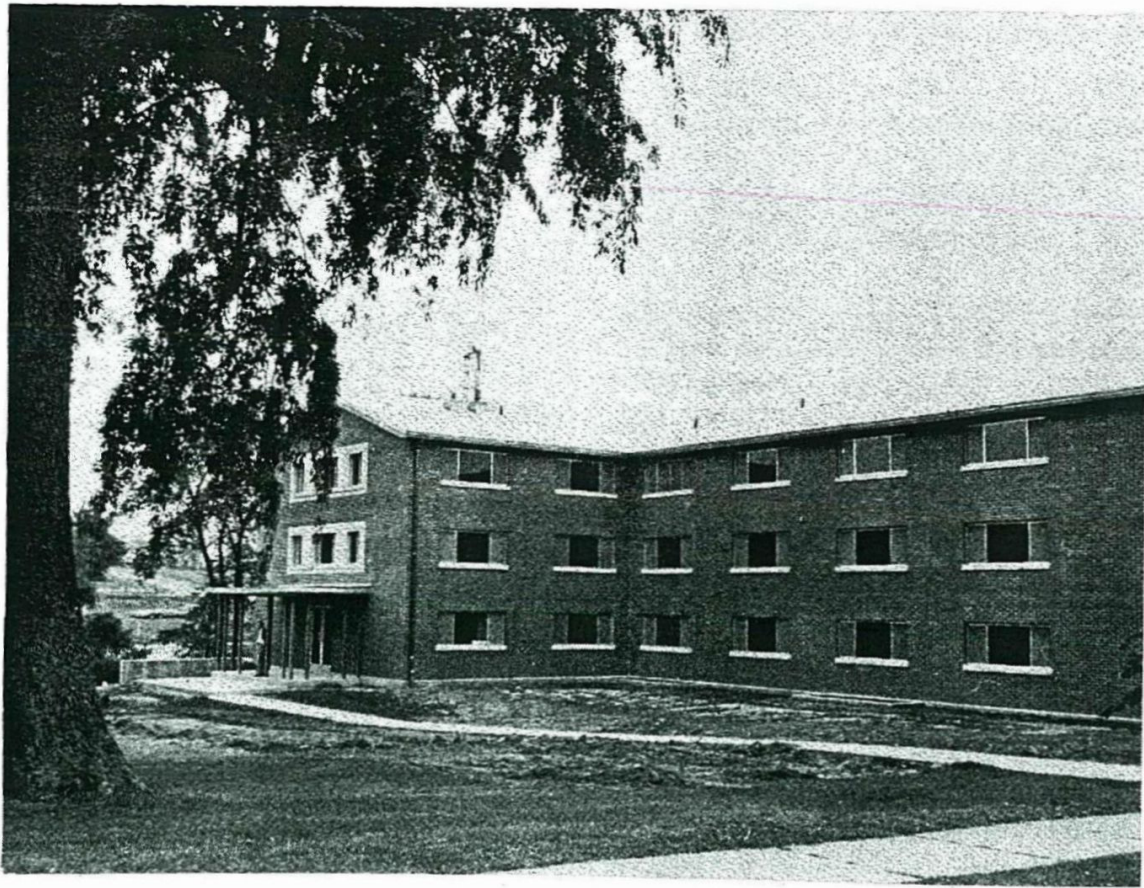
— to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mangrum, the men of the new residence hall, and Mrs. Hilda McNeal for holding open house;

— to Mary Jane Weissmiller, president of the Carroll County Alumni Association, and her committee who contacted Carroll County alums by phone;

— to Bea Hill and Chuck Goldman who m.c.'d at the dance;

— thank you.

Ellen Francke Irwin, secretary
Bruce Cushna, vice-president
Virginia Croghan, president
Shimer College National
Alumni Association"



An outside view of the entrance and north side of the new residence hall, taken from the middle of the campus with the camera pointing in a south-easterly direction.

NEWS OF FORMER FACULTY

Miss Edna Thoreen, former instructor in French at Shimer, is back in Texas at 116 North 10th Street, McAllen, Texas.

Frank Pooler is teaching music at New Trier High School in Chicago.

Lelia K. Wright, admissions counselor for Shimer from 1944 through 1949, has been appointed assistant dean of women and social director at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois. For the past eight years Mrs. Wright has been in charge of admissions for MacMurray in Wisconsin and several surrounding states. Her daughter, Gretchen, is a junior in Wayland Academy this year, where she was awarded the Winnett Scholarship for 1958-59.

Guenter and *Rene Sieburth* have a baby girl, Stephanie Anne, born Oct.

FACULTY NOTES

Frank Mangrum taught summer school at Rockford College this year, then vacationed with his wife, Jessie, in California.

Jerry Ball attended summer school at State University of Iowa.

H. E. Kirkby toured Europe and England during the summer of 1957.

F. J. Mullin and *David W. Weiser* attended a six-week seminar for college teachers and administrators held at the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Cambridge, Mass.

8, 1958. Mr. Sieburth is doing graduate work at the University of Wisconsin.

Richard Hensel is doing graduate work at the University of Illinois.

JUNE CONVOCATION

The following candidates for degrees were presented at the convocation, June 1, 1958:

Jules Phelan Aronson, Madison, Wisc.
David Jarrett Braudwell, Wendell, N.C.
Willis Terrill Cowing, Joliet, Ill.

Eileen Patricia Freeman, Freeport, N.Y.
Janet Ruth Gibstein, Reading, Pa.
Redd F. L. Griffin, River Forest, Ill.
Anne S. Pollack, Flushing, N.Y.

Betsey Ruth Sellner, Loudonville, Ohio

Scholarships and awards were presented to the following students:

Brooke Hastings, Winnetka, Illinois, received the Elizabeth Percy Konrad Trophy for outstanding work in the field of English throughout the year.

Rosalind Conklin, Chesterton, Indiana, received the Ileen Bullis Campbell Prize for excellence in the field of history and also the Anne McKnight Vocal Prize for making the most progress in singing.

Janet Gibstein, Reading, Pa., received the Natural Sciences Prize for Senior Achievement (awarded this year for the first time) for outstanding achievement in the field of science.

Eileen Freeman, Freeport, N.Y., received the Schwing Piano Prize for outstanding work in piano.

Anita van Tellingen, Chicago, Ill., received the Dearborn-Anne McKnight Scholarship for showing the greatest promise in the field of vocal music.

Academic honors were awarded to the students whose names appeared on the Honor Rolls for both the Autumn and Winter Quarters. They were:

Lee Beaupre, Rockford, Illinois
Carol Bruch, Winnebago, Illinois
Rosalind Conklin, Chesterton, Ind.
Allan Dowty, Manson, Iowa
Cynthia Fleming, Bayside, N.Y.

Nancy Gordon, Chicago, Illinois
Beatrice Hill, Gary, Indiana
Robert Keohane, Mt. Carroll, Illinois
Franklin Weingarten, Miami Beach,
Florida

Diana Yeaman, Wadsworth, Ohio

NEW SONG FOR SHIMER

The convocation of June, 1958, was the time chosen for official introduction of "An Alma Mater," composed by Richard Hensel with lyrics by Suzanne K. Boram.

Mr. Hensel, instructor in the humanities and vocal music, used quick modulations and a style which was rhythmically and harmonically free to produce unusual harmonies and a pleasing, haunting melody.

Miss Boram, a third-year student in the college this year, has had many of her sonnets and other literary efforts published in *Quest*, the Shimer student newspaper.

The words of "An Alma Mater" are:

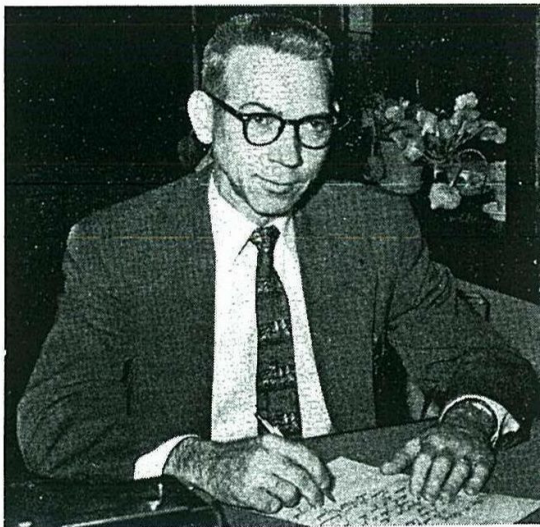
*A memory of trees in autumn,
Of wintry sunsets in crimson awe;
Some wind-swept days of spring,
Nature sings a love song.
Within this time and place
The haunting face of truth —
Is near us, as you are near us,
To live forever within our hearts.
A lasting memory of Shimer College,
To carry with us through life anew.*

*A memory of friendships made here,
Of life and learning from day to day;
The endless hours we share
Fill the air with singing;
A song of hope and peace
That through our time does ring —
In trueness with youth's firm triumph,
Resounding softly within our hearts.
A lasting memory of Shimer College,
To carry with us through life anew.*

The convocation address was given by Dr. Victor Johnson, Director of the Mayo Foundation and Shimer trustee. His subject was "The Place of Science in a Liberal Education."

OCTOBER CONVOCATION

First convocation of the 1958-59 college year was held in Metcalf auditorium on October 8. Vice-president Donald G. Reuter gave the featured address on "Folkways, Fashions and Education." He pointed out that "no one does more to create a great institution, no one does more to educate a faculty and a staff, than an intelligent and alert student body." The students should know that this implies a serious social responsibility, Mr. Reuter continued, and not simply expect to be "stuffed with knowledge as a turkey is stuffed with dressing," but realize that "the theory behind small discussion group learning is that you only learn by teaching yourself."



J. Arthur Fetterolf, business manager, will complete thirteen years of service to Shimer College in February, 1959. "Art" is noted for his patience, tact, and efficiency in handling Shimer's fiscal matters, from the smallest details of such funds as the National Alumni Association to the large sums involved in the building of a new residence hall. He is ably assisted by Mrs. Mildred Delp.

HONORS CONVOCATION

Shimer's annual Honors Convocation, recognizing members of the Shimer Scholastic Society, was held November 19, 1958, in Metcalf auditorium.

An address, "The Purpose of the Liberal Arts College," was given by Sharvy G. Umbeck, president of Knox College, and the Shimer College Madrigal Singers under the direction of Thomas J. Roller presented three numbers. Mrs. Helen Dixon was accompanist.

A reception to honor the members of the scholastic society was held in Sawyer House immediately following the convocation.

The honor society is composed of persons with a 3.25 grade average (or better) after taking four comprehensives, or a 3.0 grade average after taking seven comprehensives. Franklin Weingarten is president and Mr. John Hirschfield is faculty adviser.

Scholars honored at the November 19 convocation were:

Lee Beaupre
Rockford, Ill.
Suzanne Boram
Clarksville, Tenn.
Carol Bruch
Winnebago, Ill.
Alan Dowty
Manson, Iowa
Cynthia Fleming
Bayside, N.Y.
Nancy Gordon
Chicago, Ill.
Beatrice Hill
Gary, Ill.
Robert Keohane
Mt. Carroll, Ill.
Clark Kissinger
Henderson, Ky.
Ellida Ryan
Maywood, Ill.
Franklin Weingarten
Miami Beach, Fla.
Diana Yeaman
Wadsworth, Ohio

CARROLL COUNTY ALUMNI

Members of the Carroll County Alumni Association and also alumni from surrounding communities have received an invitation from Mary Jane Berkstresser Weissmiller, county association president, to attend four meetings at Shimer this year.

The first meeting was held on November 22 in Hostetter Hall lounge with Vice-president D. G. Reuter speaking.

The second meeting is scheduled for January 23, 8:00 p.m., in Hostetter lounge. Carolyn Burch, Janet Schreiner, Ruth Peters Sisler, and Donna Gifford will present a musical program and Mt. Carroll members will serve as hostesses. Chairmen of the committee are Ruth Kingery Noble, Roberta Colehour, Hazel Kessler, and Lois Richter. For this meeting faculty wives will be invited as special guests.

On March 13, 8:00 p.m., the group will meet in Sawyer House to hear a panel discussion on "Trends at Shimer" led by Dean David Weiser. Chadwick members will be hostesses, with Evelyn Senneff and Janet Schreiner heading the committee.

The annual business meeting and family picnic will be held May 23, 5:00 p.m., in Hostetter Hall.

Mrs. Weissmiller's letter to the county group outlined the meetings planned, and said, "Shimer is a growing, dynamic college, and we can be proud to share in its growth. We should take an active part in our alumni group to further the interests of Shimer."

FTA MEETS AT SHIMER

Shimer College was host on October 18 to a workshop meeting of the Northwestern Illinois Regional group of the Future Teachers of America.

Thirty-four high school clubs and three college chapters were represented.



ROUND ROBIN IN 42nd YEAR

Seven members of the class of 1916 have been writing round robin letters to each other ever since their graduation from Frances Shimer College. They are *Julia Cargill Stone* (Mrs. John H.) of Mason City, Ill., *Ruth Hildebrandt Fender* (Mrs. George) of Park Ridge, Ill., *Lois Waite Leonard* (Mrs. H. N.) of Fairbury, Ill., *Marjorie Waite* of El Paso, Texas, *Ethel Swanson* of Des Moines, Iowa, *Marie Jolly Taylor* (Mrs. William) of Tucson, Ariz., and *Cora Scott Younie* (Mrs. Elmer) of Hawarden, Iowa. Five members of the group (Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Younie were absent) met in September at the home of Mrs. Stone.

Part of the group is shown here as they appeared in 1941 when attending their 25th reunion on the Shimer campus. Pictured are (left to right) Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Fender, Miss Waite, and Mrs. Stone.

NEW FOOD SERVICE

Food in the Shimer dining hall this year is being supplied by the Saga Food Service, an organization which serves 34 colleges and universities from coast to coast.

Manager of the service at Shimer is William F. Hopfensperger, who is temporarily living in Savanna, Ill., with his wife and three children.

Mr. Hopfensperger, who has a B.A. degree from Michigan State College in Restaurant Management, says that Saga's principle of operation is to "buy the best, prepare it the best, and serve it as fresh as possible."

The food service has a central purchasing office which is mainly for testing purposes and which furnishes lists of approved products to the college managers.

Before coming to Shimer, which is the smallest college served by Saga, Mr. Hopfensperger's experience included being head cook in the campus hotel kitchen at Michigan State, and work in summer resorts, YMCA cafeteria, a supper club, and a small coffee shop.

"We are happy to have Shimer College as one of our units," said Mr. Hopfensperger, "and we are proud to serve the students."

NEW TRUSTEES

Lawrence A. Wherry is president of the advertising firm of Wherry, Baker & Tilden, Inc. His home is in Evanston, Illinois. Mr. Wherry was elected to the Board of Trustees of Shimer College on October 4, 1958. He is a director of the American Association of Advertising Agencies, and a member of the Chicago Association of Commerce, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Alpha Zeta, and Sigma Delta Chi.

John M. King is president of the King-Stevenson Oil Company, Chicago, Illinois. He was elected to the Board of Trustees of Shimer College on October 4, 1958.

NEW STUDENT

Daniel Betts, Dubuque, Iowa, entered Shimer College this fall as a regional scholarship winner. Mr. Betts' great-grandmother, Sarah Jane Richards (deceased) of Como, Illinois, was a student at Shimer approximately eighty years ago. Hanging in his room in the new residence hall Mr. Betts has an engraving of a campus scene which was given to him by his grandmother and which formerly belonged to Mrs. Richards.

A high-school graduate with a varied range of interests including music, athletics, and dramatics, Mr. Betts is studying at Shimer with the hope of becoming a teacher of natural science or chemistry.

NEW GRADUATES

Shimer College is "pointing with pride" this year toward the achievements of two members of the class of 1958. Janet R. Gibstein and Betsey R. Sellner are dramatic personal evidence of Shimer's growing prestige and the caliber of its graduates.

Miss Gibstein holds a teaching appointment in the College of Integrated Liberal Studies at the University of Wisconsin. She is teaching science as a graduate assistant to Professor Aaron Ihde, and is also studying in the Department of History of Science.

Miss Sellner is a fellow in the Master of Arts in Teaching Program at Harvard University. Her \$1200 fellowship was awarded in national competition among liberal arts graduates who showed superior promise in the field of teaching. At the end of the year she will receive the M.A. degree from Harvard's School of Education. Her field is mathematics.

Miss Mary Dewhurst Miles, '95, died at her home in Mt. Carroll on June 10, 1958, at the age of 84.

For many years an accountant in the Shimer College business office, Miss Miles also had experience in writing and teaching. She had traveled extensively and had many and varied interests, particularly in music, art and literature.

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Miss Celia Merrick, 81, employee of Shimer College for 50 years, died on September 6, in Minneapolis, Minn. Miss Merrick came to Mt. Carroll from Minneapolis in 1897 with the late Dean William Parker McKee and his family as a nursemaid for their son, Harper. Later she worked in various capacities at Shimer, at one time as cook and then as head laundress. She retired from Shimer in 1952.

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Anna Reese, '06, died July 17 in a New York hospital. For many years Miss Reese was in the grain business, representing Joseph Rank Ltd. of England in New York, handling mostly Canadian grain. In 1956 Miss Reese sent word to the campus that she was operating an employment agency in New York, and regretted she could not attend her 50th class reunion.

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Edward C. Colin, instructor in biological sciences at Shimer 1956-1958, died October 23, 1958, in Chicago. He is survived by his wife, Alta, for many years a teacher of home economics and an amateur artist, and two sons, all of Chicago.

Mr. Colin received the A.B. degree in 1913, and L.L.B. in 1914 from the University of Kansas. He practiced law, served in the medical department of the U.S. Army, and taught in high schools in Kansas and Chicago. In 1930 he received a Ph.D. in zoology from the University of Chicago. Until 1955 he taught zoology and genetics in Chi-

Lorri Spuehler, '47, exhibited paintings at the professional art show of the Illinois State fair this year. *Barbara Aubin*, '55, was also represented. Miss Spuehler also had a showing of her works during the month of October at 47 East Pearson, Chicago, Ill.

A. Beth Hostetter exhibited paintings at the Farm Bureau office in May, 1958, and was honored by having a water color chosen to be placed in the state exhibit at Urbana.

An art exhibit at The Little Gallery, Dixon, Illinois, from October 26 through November 23 features original oil and water colors of *Blendon A. Kneale*, Shimer art director, sculpture and ceramics from his wife, Armella, and industrial design work of his son, Colan, who has studied at Pratt Institute in New York and is currently enrolled at the University of Illinois.

KNEALE-TURNEY WEDDING

Bernard C. Kneale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blendon Kneale, and Miss Carole Joyce Turney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Turney, rural Savanna, were married June 8, 1958, in the Methodist church at Mt. Carroll, Illinois.

Mr. Kneale attended Shimer 1956-57 and 1957-58.

This year Mr. Kneale was employed by the Illinois state natural history survey as assistant laboratory technician for the rabies project at Shimer College. He plans to enter the University of Illinois in January, 1959, to study ceramic engineering.

cago junior colleges and at Chicago Teachers College. He came to Shimer from Eastern Illinois State College where he served for one year as visiting associate professor of zoology. His chief publications are articles on the genetics and embryology of the guinea pig and a college textbook, "Elements of Genetics," 3rd ed., 1956.

FISCAL NOTES

Paid members of the National Shimer Alumni Association for the year beginning July 1, 1958 and ending June 30, 1959 are as follows:

Louise Anderson
Margaret G. Atkinson
Bruce Bromberg
Alta Sawyer Colton
Virginia Croghan
Gretchen Schwiezo Ferrin
Viola Sweitzer Fransen
Donna Pinnell Gabriel
Jay Goldenberg
Mary Woodland Harrington
Herbert Hartman
Judith Itow Hata
Lois Reiss Homer
Dorothy M. Huber
Marikae Stout Hutchins
Lorraine Lawyer Keist
Margaret Keizer
Harriet Lawyer
Janet Lippincott
Martin MacIntyre
Linda Krueger MacLachlan
Arlene S. Rasmussen
Carolyn Roth
Florence Schweizer
Beverly Shimmin
Mary Long Simms
Gladys Isenhardt Soltow
Julia Cargill Stone
Lois Linebarger Tappen
John L. Valentine
Allan Washburn
Grace Reynolds Watson
Roberta Williamson
Margaret A. Wing
Beverly Monson Woessner
Bessie D. Wolf
Ruby Worner
Elsie Howarth Yerkey

MISS HOSTETER RELATES HISTORY

Miss A. Beth Hostetter has given two talks recently on Frances Wood Shimer and her influence on Carroll County.

The first was presented on October 17 in Sawyer House as the program after a buffet supper served by Mrs. F. J. Mullin to faculty wives. Miss Hostetter's speech was tape-recorded at that time.

The second was given on October 18 to the Carroll County Chapter of the DAR.

Miss Hostetter gave unusual insight into the character and personality of Shimer's founder by reading excerpts from Miss Wood's personal letters written to relatives in the east.

—Alumni year is from July 1, 1958 to June 30, 1959.

—Dues received at any time during that period are recorded as of the beginning of the period, e.g. if you pay your dues in February, 1959, you are a member for the year 1958-59.

—If you paid dues more than once during the fiscal year your record will show that you are a member for the following year.

—Let the alumni office know if you think there is an error in this list.

—There were 190 paid members for the year 1957-58. Gifts were made to the endowment fund by 121 members. That was a good record but not the best one since this plan was started in 1949. As Shimer enrollment increases the number of alumni members of the National Shimer Alumni Association should increase.

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SCATTERED FAMILY

Edited by A. Beth Hostetter

1889-1916

Ruth Eastabrook Kilbourn (Mrs. Frederick), '89, opened her home and garden at 5413 Blackstone, Chicago, Ill., to 55 alumni and friends of Shimer College for a reunion in July. Plans were made at that time for the October Homecoming and for other meetings throughout the year.

Edna Dunshee Mann (Mrs. Edward), '98, 512 North 2nd Street, Palatka, Fla., celebrated her 87th birthday on October 3, 1958, with an open house. According to an article in the *Palatka Daily News*, Mrs. Mann is "one of the city's best known and most highly esteemed residents."

"A vocalist of marked ability and a recognized leader in musical circles for many years," the article continued, "... for years she served as music instructor in the Palatka Schools." She is also active in the church, Woman's Club, Garden Circle, and other community groups.

Harriet Hersey Higginson (Mrs. Fred), '02, 129 E. 36th Street, New York 16, N.Y., writes that her husband died last year.

Avis Hall Wade (Mrs. E. C.), '05, 2908 Aurora Street, El Paso, Texas, was honored in the spring as a fifty year member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. A luncheon was given for her by the Tri Delta Alliance at the International Club in El Paso. Mrs. Wade was initiated into Phi chapter, University of Iowa, in 1905. She and her husband, an attorney, have been residents of El Paso since 1915. They are the parents of three children, Mrs. C. L. Sonnichsen of El Paso, Edward C. of Denver, and Dr. William H. Wade of the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

Laura Eaton Cohn, '11, (Mrs. Irving), 812 N. Hazel St., Danville, Ill., — A newspaper clipping from the *Danville Commercial-News* for July 6, 1958, tells of Mrs. Cohn's retirement from teaching and her new plans for opening a private art school for children in the basement of her home.

During her teaching career Mrs. Cohn taught at the junior high level and was an assistant principal for a number of years. In addition, she was accompanist for the 7th and 8th grade vocal chorus and adviser to the staff of the student newspaper.

This spring Mrs. Cohn visited her brother, Attorney Ralph Eaton, in Mt. Carroll.

Evelyn Swanson Craig, '16, Bishop Hill, Ill., wrote inquiring about addresses of some former students and saying "all best wishes for Shimer College."

1922-1934

Betty Griffin Farrar, '22, (Mrs. Harry K.), 569 Madison Way, Palo Alto, Calif., visited the campus on October 15 accompanied by her parents. Mr. Farrar works for Pacific Telephone Company. Their daughter is attending the University of California and living in Berkeley while her husband is in service.

Alice Rose Sorenson (Mrs. Alfred), '27, Alturas, Calif., has two girls. She is active in civic and music affairs.

Katherine Beardsley, '28, 1111 Gooding St., LaSalle, Ill., visited the campus September 15. She later wrote to Miss Baxter — "I appreciated and enjoyed the time spent on campus and in your company. It was heartwarming to me to know that the hospitality that was Shimer's thirty years ago is still more than evident amongst Faculty." Miss Beardsley is an interior decorator.

Nevah Welch Moody (Mrs. Earl), '28, 2900 Steele Road, Kansas City, Kan., is an instructor in high school.

Virginia Sword Ulfeldt (Mrs. Victor), '31, 5415 Palm Drive, LaCanada, Calif., visited the campus in August. She and her young daughter had been visiting relatives in Dixon, Ill., her former home.

Mary Leinbush Ruwe, '33, Mt. Pulaski, Ill., writes that she is completing her fourth year as a district director of the PTA. Her son is a sophomore at Illinois State Normal University majoring in Business Education.

Helen Sleight Carl, '33, (Mrs. Harold M.), 52 Caroline, Battle Creek, Mich., writes that her husband has been in the City Fire Department for 21 years with four years out for service in the infantry during the Pacific campaign. Their children are Kathy, 10, and Roger, 9. Mrs. Carl has been on the PTA board the last four years, and was president of her unit last year. She also sends news of

Margaret Mooney Besse, '30, — "She has a son in Stanford now and a girl in high school."

Jerry Hicks Dailey, '31, — "... who's living in Phoenix with her husband and daughter."

Novella Slayton Ivany, '31, — "See (her) every now and then at the grocery. She has four children, I think."

Barbara McNab Rogers, '34, (Mrs. Howard Milton), 949 41st Ave., No., St. Petersburg, Fla., sends an announcement of a fifth child, Helen McNab Rogers, born to her and her doctor husband on August 17, 1958. Her other children are now aged 18, 15, 12, and 10.

1937-1942

Laura Jane Runyan Gatzke, '37, (Mrs. Raymond), 602 Poplar, Savanna, Ill., announces the birth of a daughter, Marne Gayle, on June 1, 1958. The Gatzkes have two other daughters, Ann, 10, and Sharon, 3.

Martha Sorenson Wolf, '37, (Mrs. David), 1909 Fairview, Rockford, Ill., received an A.B. degree from Rockford College at the June, 1958, convocation. She has three girls and a boy.

Ellen Birkett Thiers, '38, (Dr. Harry D.), 509 Gilchrist, College Station, Texas, sent a clipping from the *Bryan, Texas, newspaper* telling of her husband's receiving a \$10,000 grant from the National Science Foundation. The grant, which became effective July 15, will extend over a three-year period. It is for an intensive study of mushroom flora in the Gulf Coastal Plain area from Texas to Florida. Dr. Thiers and his family spent this summer in Florida with headquarters at the University of Florida in Gainesville. During a two-month period in 1959 Dr. Thiers will collect material in Alabama and Mississippi. During the next summer he will be in Louisiana and the eastern part of Texas. Dr. Thiers is an

associate professor in the biology department of Texas A&M College. Mrs. Thiers was an instructor at Shimer College from 1948 to 1953. Their daughter, Barbara, was born in 1955.

Shirley Bruns Nielsen (Mrs. Don), '39, Forest Road, Allendale, N.J., writes that the oldest of her three children graduated from 8th grade in June. Mr. Nielsen is an electronics engineer.

Bebe Arene Iannelli Ober, '39, 74 Stanridge Road, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, is studying at Western Reserve University and plans to complete her degree work.

Ellen Francke Irwin '40, (Mrs. William D.), 831 W. Lincoln, Freeport, Ill., writes—"Congratulations on your marvelous plans and publicity for homecoming. Since I have a Sunday organ job our attendance is a little on the undependable side, but we hope to make the dance at least."

Donna Pinnell Gabriel (Mrs. William H.), '42, 1134 Keith Court, Clinton, Iowa, writes: "Last year was my 15th class reunion and I tried to get a group of girls to come back but they had a reunion in Washington instead — Dramm, Collins, Stone, McCormic, Chafa, Wagnitz, and Bev Ericson. . . . I still have my pet projects. I've been on the Symphony Orchestra Board since the orchestra was started and it's been wonderful to see it grow. . . . I'm also blood donor recruitment chairman for the American Red Cross. The Bloodmobile comes once a month when we must collect 236 pints of blood."

"Our Junior Women's Club which a friend of mine and I formed five years ago won fourth place out of over 5000 entries in the Community Achievement contest sponsored jointly by the Gen. Fed. of W. C. and the Sears Roebuck Foundation so we're quite proud of ourselves. We entered on our forming of the Symphony Orchestra and getting a school bond issue passed after it had twice been defeated."

"Renee will be in second grade next year."

1943-1952

Virginia Gordon Hartman, (Mrs. Kermit), '43, 1632 North Vermilion Street, Danville, Ill., — "Kitchens by Hartman," a new business at 443 E. Main St., was featured recently in the Danville newspaper. Mr. Hartman, a 1950 graduate of the University of Illinois where he majored in architecture, specializes in designing and planning kitchens. He also owns a branch office and show room in Urbana. The Hartmans have three children.

Patricia Drennan Fecht (Mrs. Leo J.), '45, 522 Prospect, Leavensworth, Kans., writes that her husband is head of the art department at St. Mary College, Xavier, Kansas. The Fechts have three children — Christopher, 7, Gery Ann, 5, and Jeffrey, 1.

Mr. and Mrs. **Marvin B. Gold** (**Ruth Altenberg**, '50) 7355 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, Ill., announce the birth of a daughter, Diane Beth, on September 7, 1958. Mr. Gold works for a film production company writing for educational and industrial films.

Harriet Kirchhoff Simpson, '50, (Mrs. John F.), 65 Park Drive, Boston, Mass., spent the summer in Westwood, Mass.

Nancy Lindgren, '51, 225 Louisiana Blvd., S.E., Albuquerque, N.M., worked in Chicago as a registered nurse for a year and a half, and recently moved to New Mexico where she is employed as a school nurse. The job, she writes, is "fascinating, challenging, and satisfying."

Ruth Brudi, '51, was married on August 3, 1958, to Charles Kessler, Jr. The Kesslers live on a farm near Mt. Carroll.

Harriet Grace Lawyer, '51, 117-W-Norrie Street, Ironwood, Michigan, "is in Berlin, Germany, studying music on a German Grant for a year," according to a letter received from her mother, Mrs. George H. Lawyer. "Recently she visited Italy and spent some time at the home of Ann McKnight Rogosin in Milan."

Prudence Cooper abu-Rish (Mrs. Said), '52, Humboldt, Nebraska, writes "often I am really homesick for Shimer. This fall I'll begin working on my M.A. in Philosophy (History and Principles of Education)."

Gretchen Schwieso Ferrin '52, (Mrs. DeVere), 890 D Street, Arcata, Calif., reports the birth of a son, Ian Sutter, on March 9, 1958. Her husband is working for Simpson Redwood Company.

1953-1958

Mr. and Mrs. **Abel M. Schwartz**, '53, 3132 State Street, New Orleans 25, La., announce the birth of Joanna Marie Schwartz on October 10, 1958.

Mr. Schwartz has been a journalist at the U. S. Coast Guard headquarters in New Orleans for more than a year, and has also been taking courses at Tulane University. He plans to continue his schooling after release from the armed forces in November. Some months ago he visited the British Isles for a month in connection with the writing of a series on the British Lifesaving Service, a forerunner of the U. S. Coast Guard.

Gretchen Pana Lutey (Mrs. Richard), '54, 1029 North 3rd Street, Marquette, Mich., has a baby boy, Timothy. Her husband is a florist.

Beverly Shimmin, AB '55, 47 W. 70th St., New York 23, N.Y., is working at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Dana Wilson, '55, 302 Orton Road, Yellow Springs, Ohio, is a freshman in the Western Reserve Medical School. He graduated from Oberlin College in June, 1957, and worked for more than a year as a research chemist with the Kettering Foundation at Yellow Springs.

Philip Dahlberg, B.A. '56, 3737 North Drake, Chicago 18, Ill., is studying metallurgy at Northwestern University.

Samuel Howard Mitchell, '55, was married on June 14 to Mildred Ann Blakeley in Bond Chapel at the University of Chicago. Their current address is 5417 South Woodlawn, Apt. 1-A, Chicago 15, Illinois.

R. Lee Pana, A.B. '55, 13 W. Bates Avenue, Villas, N.J., was ordained deacon in April, 1958, and ordained priest November 1, 1958, in Trenton Cathedral. He is a member of the Episcopal church.

Allen North Smith, A.B. '55, 7414 S. Morrill, Chicago, Ill., received a Master of Arts degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale on June 15, 1958.

Nancy Moulton, '56, 907 Cleveland, Park Ridge, Ill., graduated from the University of Chicago in June, 1958, receiving a

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